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SUBJ: ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE YAR PILOTS

REF: (A) JIDDA 6142, (B) STATE 220668

1. CHUSMTM REPORTS INCREASING PRESSURE FROM MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO RESOLVE QUESTION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR YAR AIR FORCE OFFICERS. OUR APPARENT FOOT-DRAGGING ON THIS MATTER CAUSING SOME PUZZLEMENT TO SAUDIS SINCE WE HAD RECOMMENDED AND THEY AGREED THAT AS MUCH TRAINING OF YAR OFFICERS AS POSSIBLE BE DONE IN SAUDI ARABIA.

2. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY SOUGHT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE TRAINING, REQUEST WE BE INFORMED WHEN 30-DAY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE SO THAT WE MAY INFORM SAG OF THE STATUS OF THEIR REQUEST. IF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL HAS NOT YET BEEN SOUGHT, REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER WHETHER IT IS IN FACT NECESSARY. ONLY TRAINING IN QUESTION AT THIS TIME IS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WHICH WILL LAST UP TO A YEAR. APPROVAL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IS NOT EQUIV- ALENT TO APPROVING PILOT TRAINING. WE EXPECT THIS ISSUE WILL ARISE SUBSEQUENTLY BUT GIVEN LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT MORE THAN ADEQUATE TIME TO RAISE THIS WITH CONGRESS.

3. REF A PARA 3A WAS IN ERROR. THERE WILL BE NO DIRECT USAF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WHICH

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WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NORTHROP. ONLY USAF INVOLVEMENT IS MANAGEMENT OF NORTHROP CONTRACT.

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